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## Farmers and Certified Crop Advisers

Farmers and Certified Crop Advisers are being sought to participate in on-farm nutrient management evaluations.

### Project Objectives:

- 1 Provide educational information and assist farmers with tailoring nutrient management decisions on their own farms.
- 2 Farmer evaluating current nutrient management decisions to nutrient management rates promoted by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. (NRCS)
- 3 Provide yield and economic results that will assist USDA-NRCS in verifying nutrient management guidance.

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## Minnesota Nutrient Management Initiative

### On-Farm Nutrient Management Evaluation Program

Sponsored by: USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service



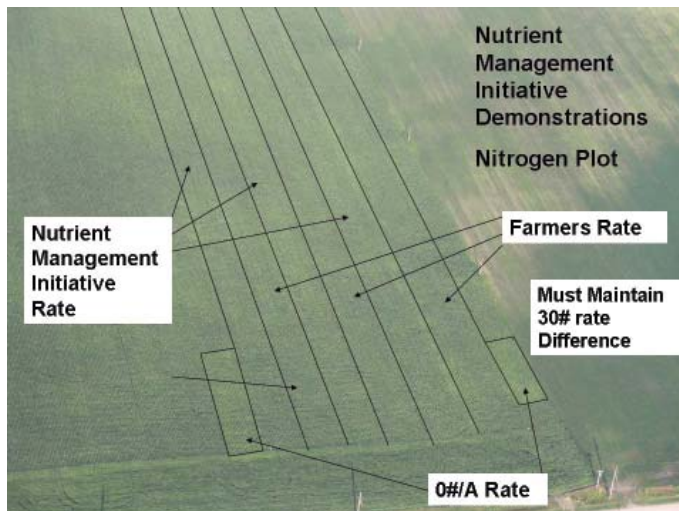
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## Program Highlights

### Farmers and Certified Crop Advisers

- A simple, self-evaluation tool for farmers to compare their nutrient management practices to those promoted by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Farmers will be compensated \$1200 for participating in the program.
- Farmers are required to work with a Certified Crop Adviser to validate crop management and harvest information.
- Crop management and harvest information submitted to USDA-NRCS for evaluation.
- Results will be used to evaluate economic performance using farmer's actual input costs and yield information.
- Farmer will receive individual results upon completion based on economic considerations.
- Individual farmer identity will be kept confidential and results used only for overall educational purposes.



## Nutrient Rate Trial Protocol

- Farmer can have a nitrogen or phosphorous rate comparison plot.
- Comparison is between two rates and replicated 3 times. Nitrogen rate plots must include a 0 rate (minimal area).
- Application comparisons evaluate farmers normally applied rate to rates promoted by USDA-NRCS.
- Nitrogen rate sites must maintain at least a 30# per acre rate differential.
- Corn/soybean or corn/corn rotation.
- No manure or alfalfa history within the last 5 years.
- High yielding sites are preferred with high or very high testing soils.

Sign-up Agreements and Protocol are posted on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site at:

[www.mda.state.mn.us/nmi](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/nmi)

## How Do I Sign Up?

- Farmer must complete a Producer Agreement accompanied by an EQIP contract. (Sign-up at your county USDA-NRCS Office)
- Provide proposed nutrient application information prior to applications.
- Complete and submit Crop Management information by July 1st.
- Complete and submit Harvest Data Information by December 1st.

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